

Library MUSINGS

VISION STATEMENT:
All people in our community value & use the Lawton Public Library.

MISSION STATEMENT:
Provide opportunities to engage in life-long learning.



- E-Books
- E-Magazines
- E-Audio
- E-Videos
- Learn a Foreign Language
- Study for a career test
- Find research articles
- & SO MUCH MORE!

SELFIE STATION

Stop by the main library & get your holiday selfie! Use our new self service photo station and backdrops to take a few fun pictures while you're at the library.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Main & Branch library locations will be closed for Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 & New Year's Day, Monday, January 1.

The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

CRAFT @ HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Sunday, December 10
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Family Friendly



Christmas crafters of all ages are invited to come craft with the Lawton Public Library at Elmer Thomas Park! While supplies last.

CHRISTMAS PAJAMA STORYTIME

Thursday, December 21
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Family Friendly



A special storytime full of Christmas stories, caroling, & a special visit from Mrs. Clause & her furry friends from Paws with Love. Pajamas are encouraged. Cookies & cocoa will be available while supplies last.

PUZZLE RACE (REGISTRATION)

Saturday, January 13
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Ages 12+



Teams of 2 - 4 will race to see who can assemble the same 500 piece puzzle first! Limited to 10 teams. Registration will open on Wednesday, December 13. To register your team, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 option 4.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

December 1 - January 31
Both Locations



Now accepting new & gently used winter clothes for children & adults in all sizes.

Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pants, boots & other winter wear can be donated.



Library programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.



Friends of the Lawton Public Library

CHILDREN

EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

Age-based classes that promote school readiness skills for our youngest readers.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers



Exploration in early literacy for infant through school-age kids using stories, rhymes, fingerplays & songs that promote school readiness skills.

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER

Happy Holidays! See you in January 2024



LETTERS TO SANTA

December 1– 24

Visit the Main Library before Christmas to write a letter to Santa! Tell Santa what you want for Christmas & drop your letter in the North Pole mailbox.



KIDS WRITING STATION

All December
Ages 5+

Write to one of your favorite book characters! Give kids the “write stuff” to become better readers! Handwriting improves kids’ reading & comprehension skills. This month is Snoopy & Woodstock.



MAKER STATION

All December
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create! See what’s going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. December: Disguise a Gingerbread Person.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, December 28
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm
Ages 5+

Read to a dog! 15-minute sessions will be available to each child to help boost their reading skills. Bring a book of your own or borrow one of ours. Co-sponsored with local Paws With Love volunteers.



Paws With Love Therapy Dogs

LOCATIONS & HOURS

lawtonok.gov/departments/library

Main Library

110 SW 4th Street
Lawton, OK 73501
580.581.3450

Mon – Wed 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thu – Sat 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sun Closed

Kathleen Wyatt Nicholson

Branch Library

1304 NW Kingswood Road
Lawton, OK 73505
580.581.3457

Tue & Thu 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

LIBRARY BOARD

The next library board meeting is Wednesday, January 3, 2024 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Fermin Viruet

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, January 22 @ 12:00 noon.

Support your Friends of the Library. Become a member today! Annual membership is just \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

FREE ZOO VOUCHERS

Check out the book *Juniper's Butterfly Garden* & receive one free voucher good for up to 4 people. The zoo voucher is good until June 30, 2024.



TEENS

TEEN ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 5
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12-18



Get in the Christmas spirit with snacks, games, a holiday movie, & more!
There will be no TAB (Teen Advisory Board) meeting this month.

TEEN CRAFT: FELT BALL GARLANDS

Tuesday, December 26
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12-18
While supplies last



Create a colorful garland using string & felt balls.

TEEN AFTER HOURS

Friday, December 29
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12-18



Snacks, games, movies & more.
Doors are locked from 7:15 pm to 11:45 pm. Pickup by midnight.

TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All December

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.
December: Who is your personal hero?

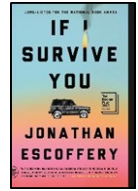


CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 12
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *If I Survive You* by Jonathan Escoffery. Next month's book is *Trust* by Hernan Diaz, historical fiction revolving around a secretive, wealthy couple who thrived on Wall Street despite the Great Depression. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 19
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Ghost Bride* by Yangsze Choo. Next month's book, *Klara & the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro, aligns with the concepts found in *Blade Runner*, questioning the concept of AI & the creation of synthetic humans. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2 or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov.



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

Register for ongoing reading challenges @
<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY OF THINGS?

We have more than books available to check out at the Main library. Browse our collection of items & try before you buy. Borrow a light therapy lamp, sporting equipment, household tools, & more!

For a full list of items to check out:

<https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library/about-us/library-things>

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

Need help to learn about computers or electronic devices? Don't worry. We can help. Call 580.581.3450 to schedule an individualized appointment.

WINTER BREAK

DECORATE CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 19
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Family Friendly
While supplies last



Join us for Christmas drop-in crafting. Decorate a cinnamon applesauce ornament that will stay holiday-scented for years to come.

SCHOOLS OUT @ THE LIBRARY

MOVIE: ELEMENTAL

Wednesday, December 27
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Family Friendly



Throw on some comfy clothes & join us at the library for a viewing of Elemental. Feel free to bring a blanket & some snacks if you want. PG, 101 Minutes

ACTIVITIES

UGLY SWEATER ORNAMENT

All December
While supplies last



Pick up a Grab & Go craft bag that contains a sweater ornament, some adornments & other fun activities. Send any photos of finished projects to libraryevents@lawtonok.gov

GINGERBREAD HUNT

All December / Both Locations

Catch me, catch me, if you can!
Find a hidden gingerbread person & redeem at any service desk for a treat.



SEED GIVEAWAY - ALYSSUM

All December, while supplies last

Great for use as an almost maintenance free border plant, Alyssum is a vigorous spreader & attracts beneficial insects such as bees to your garden. For growing instructions visit epicgardening.com/alyssum



EVENTS & CLASSES

INTRO TO CRICUT

Wednesday, December 6
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 18+



Introduction to using the Cricut. Please create a DesignSpace account before the class. You may bring your own Cricut to use. Space is limited. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext. 4

ADULTISH TRIVIA: GENERAL TRIVIA

Wednesday, December 13
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Test your knowledge of general trivia. Come as a group or on your own & see if you really know it all. Prizes will be given to the winner.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Friday, December 15
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

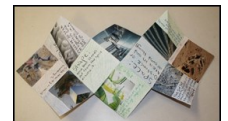


Comanche County Health Department will be available to assist those needing information & guidance. Visit with a community health worker & learn how to get connected with several community resources.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: MINI SQUASH BOOK

Wednesday, December 27
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Make a folded mini album out of cardboard & scrapbook papers. Use it for small photos, quotes, or as a keepsake card for someone special.



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: MARCH2SUCCESS

March2Success is a free website from Peterson's & the Army that provides online study materials for high school, college readiness, college entrance exams (ACT & SAT), STEM, & healthcare (MCAT, DAT, PAX, TEAS, & PSB-RN). Only those in the Army's Future Soldier Program will be contacted by a recruiter.



COMING SOON

WINTER @ THE LIBRARY: LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN! 2024 READING CHALLENGE

January 1 – February 29

KIDS (BABIES – 6TH GRADE) & TEENS (7TH – 12TH GRADE)

Complete 5 books & receive 1 free book, a small prize, & 1 entry into a drawing (while supplies last). Feeling eager? Receive additional entries into the drawing for every 5 books you read (up to 25 books) & by completing activities.

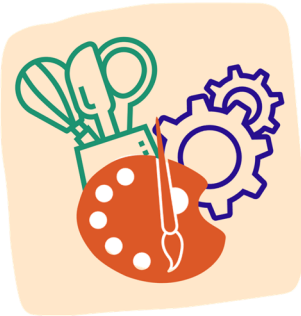
ADULTS

Read books. Listen to audiobooks. Every book read is an entry into the drawing for a gift basket. Feeling eager? Complete activities & write reviews for additional entries into the drawing.

To participate & log your reading, sign up at: lawtonok.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app. Click on “find a site” & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR THE 2024 HOW-TO FESTIVAL



Ever wanted to learn how to line dance? Train dogs? Budget? Tie a knot?

Community members ready to demonstrate “how-to” can sign up to participate & share their skills with others. Clubs, organizations & individuals are welcome to participate. Demonstrations only, no selling will be allowed at the festival

If you want to demonstrate your own skill, vendor applications will be available soon to download at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

More information will be available when we finalize the date & location.

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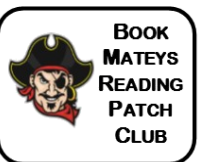
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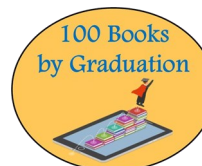
The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 4-8. The goal is 100 books total.



Self-paced reading program for kids from ages 0-12 years. Earn patches for reading!



Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 9-12. The goal is 100 books total.



The goal is for your child to read or be read to for 500 minutes a month each school year from K-3rd grade.



Adult Literacy Resources are available for readers over 18.

WE ARE FRIEND-RAISING!



Would you consider a financial gift to support your library? Your gift positively impacts our community. Please consider giving today. All donations are tax deductible.

The Friends financially support library classes, events, workshops, reading programs, and so much more!

- ◆ Two locations with curbside service to assist you.
- ◆ Special services offered including 3D Printing, Lamination, Printing, Laser Engraving, Interlibrary Loans, Books for Sale, Digitization of Family Mementos, Meeting Room Space, Adult Literacy and Citizenship Classes, a Telehealth Booth, and so much more! There is something for everyone!
- ◆ You can receive a library card without coming into the library by filling out the online application.
- ◆ The Lawton Adult Literacy Center is located in the main library. Volunteers tutor adults in basic literacy, ESL, citizenship, and more! Volunteer tutors are always needed!



The Friends of the Lawton Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity made up of individuals, families, students, organizations, and businesses who believe in the importance of libraries for people of all ages.

Sincerely,
Jenny Breeden
Friends of the Library President

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

The library has received a grant for 35 adult students to complete their high school diplomas online. There have been several graduates already.

NEWSPAPERS DIGITIZED

Thanks to an Oklahoma Heritage Preservation grant, almost 20 years of newspapers are now available on the Oklahoma Gateway.

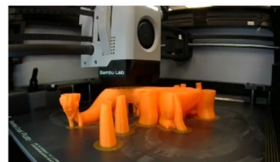
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Both the main library and branch library got a variety of improvements this last year including new flooring in the computer lab, new pavement for the branch library entrance, landscaping rocks at the main library, and new checkout stations.



NEW EVENTS


The library launched new events last year including the Books & Brews Local Author Fest, the How To Festival, and The Little Indian Runner Story Walk & Fun Run.




3D PRINTS

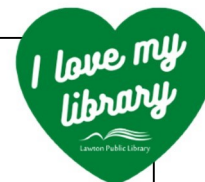
The library helped people design and print over 300 3D prints last year.

FOR MORE INFO

 **580-581-3450**

 libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov

 <https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library>



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Choose your Participation Level: \$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other: _____

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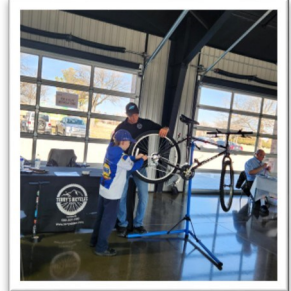
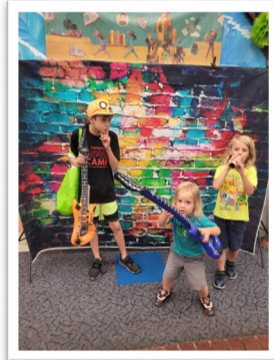
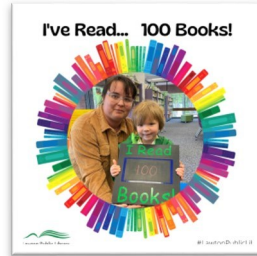
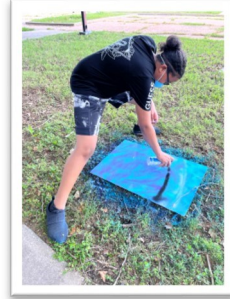
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LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION THROUGH PICTURES!



Become a library advocate by joining the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.


Friends of the Lawton Public Library

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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